

REPORT

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Overseers of the Poor  
and School Committee

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# Articles in Warrant for Annual Town Meeting.

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FIRST.—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

SECOND.—To elect three Selectmen, one Town Clerk, one Treasurer, one Elector under the Will of the late Oliver Smith, Esq., two Constables, one Tax Collector, all for one year. Also one School Committee for three years, one Library Trustee for three years, one Tree Warden for one year, and to vote on the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" Yes or No, all on one ballot.

THIRD.—To choose all necessary minor town officers for the ensuing year.

FOURTH.—To revise and accept a list of jurors nominated by the Selectmen.

FIFTH.—To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the current expenses of the town.

SIXTH.—To provide for the current expenses of the town in anticipation of taxes.

SEVENTH.—To hear the report of the Selectmen, Treasurer, School and other Committees, and act thereon.

EIGHTH. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day, and choose a committee to expend the same.

NINTH.—To choose a committee to expend the income of the Whiting Street Fund.

TENTH.—To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for maintaining of street lights. 11.25

ELEVENTH.—To fix the amount of the salary for Tax Collector.

TWELFTH.—To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to contract for the building or finishing of a section of State Highway the coming season.

THIRTEENTH.—To fix the amount of the salary for the School Committee.

FOURTEENTH.—To see if the town will take any action with regard to discontinuing any portion of the Goshen road that passes the premises of C. E. Tileston.

FIFTEENTH.—To hear the report of the committee on water supply.

SIXTEENTH.—To see if the town will vote to discontinue the town road leading from the Chesterfield road near the residence of F. L. Guilford, to the Petticoat Hill road, near the school house.

SEVENTEENTH.—To see if the town will vote to accept of the gift from Mrs. L. D. James of a certain piece of land in the rear of the school house and Town hall, subject to the conditions named in the deed of the same. } acc

EIGHTEENTH.—To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, or take any other action, toward paying the bill (of fifty dollars) presented to the town by Thomas C. Mahar, for services rendered as a member of the committee appointed by the town to secure a reduction of fares on the Street Railway between Williamsburg and Northampton. } 25

NINETEENTH.—To see if the town will enact a By-Law regarding the driving of cattle through the streets and highways of our town.

# Treasurer's Report.

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## RECEIPTS.

|                                |             |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Balance from last report,      | \$ 1,219 51 |
| Received from Temporary Loans, | 10,000 00   |
| Taxes of 1901,                 | 1,676 44    |
| Taxes of 1902,                 | 12,170 17   |
| for schooling of State Wards,  | 135 50      |
| City of Bos-                   |             |
| ton Wards,                     | 342 00      |
| Interest on Deposits,          | 82 65       |
| Interest on Unpaid Taxes,      | 10 35       |
| Compensation of Ins. of        |             |
| animals,                       | 14 10       |
| Burial of deceased soldiers,   | 35 00       |
| Rent of Town Hall,             | 64 50       |
| Sundry Licenses,               | 10 00       |
| Income of Collins School       |             |
| Fund,                          | 636 63      |
| Mass. School                   |             |
| Fund,                          | 526 34      |
| Whiting Street                 |             |
| Fund,                          | 210 00      |
| Supt. of Schools               |             |
| Fund,                          | 224 16      |
| Refund of Dog Tax,             | 162 62      |
| State Corporation Tax,         | 151 59      |
| National Bank Tax,             | 624 76      |
| State Aid,                     | 723 00      |
| Mrs. Margaret McGee            |             |
| pension,                       | 96 00       |

|                                       |                  |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| Received for Mrs. Emily Hill pension, | 48 00            |
| from City of Northampton              |                  |
| Poor Account,                         | 104 00           |
| Town of Chesterfield                  |                  |
| Tuition,                              | 31 20            |
| Northampton St. Rail-                 |                  |
| way Co. for painting                  |                  |
| bridges,                              | 16 00            |
| G. M. Bradford for                    |                  |
| sluices on State high-                |                  |
| way,                                  | 50 00            |
| for Street Railway Tax,               | 841 67           |
| Support of State pauper,              | 6 00             |
| Transportation of State               |                  |
| pauper,                               | 3 30             |
| Rent of Strong house,                 | 48 00            |
| from Town of Northboro Poor           |                  |
| Account,                              | 46 00            |
|                                       | —————\$30,309 49 |

## EXPENDITURES.

|                                |             |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Total receipts,                | \$30,309 39 |
| Paid State Tax,                | \$ 480 00   |
| County Tax,                    | 1,651 67    |
| Temporary Loans,               | 1,500 00    |
| on orders of School Committee, | 7,417 95    |
| for support of poor,           | 1,868 40    |
| Highways and Bridges,          | 3,023 43    |
| Contingent account,            | 1,702 57    |
| Street Lights,                 | 434 24      |
| Soldiers' Relief,              | 283 54      |
| Fire Department,               | 205 09      |
| Special Police,                | 65 00       |
| Haydenville Library,           | 100 00      |
| Rebuilding Mack Bridge,        | 200 00      |
| Repairs on Town Hall,          | 186 63      |
| on State Aid account,          | 664 00      |

|                                                                                         |           |             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Paid on Interest account,                                                               | \$ 333 97 |             |
| Memorial Day Committee,                                                                 | 50 00     |             |
| Almoners of Whiting Street Fund,                                                        | 210 00    |             |
| District Court fees,                                                                    | 82 88     |             |
| Returns of Vital Statistics,                                                            | 9 25      |             |
| Burial of deceased soldiers,                                                            | 70 00     |             |
| Penalty for failure to make re-<br>turns under Section 42, Chapter<br>81, Revised Laws, | 11 00     |             |
| Balance cash on hand,                                                                   | 9,759 87  |             |
|                                                                                         | <hr/>     | \$30,309 49 |

#### COLLINS SCHOOL FUND.

|                                  |          |          |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Div. on 20 shares Northampton    |          |          |
| National Bank Stock,             | \$200 00 |          |
| Div. on 20 shares Hampshire Co.  |          |          |
| National Bank Stock,             | 80 00    |          |
| Div. on 12 shares Mechanic       |          |          |
| National Bank Stock,             | 48 00    |          |
| Div. on 21 shares First National |          |          |
| Bank of Northampton,             | 126 00   |          |
| Div. on 21 shares First National |          |          |
| Bank of Greenfield,              | 126 00   |          |
| Interest at Haydenville S. B.,   | 56 63    |          |
|                                  | <hr/>    | \$636 63 |
| Paid School Committee,           |          | 636 63   |

#### SCHOOL ASSETS.

|                                  |            |  |
|----------------------------------|------------|--|
| Town appropriation,              | \$4,200 00 |  |
| for Superintendent,              | 380 00     |  |
| Text Books,                      | 350 00     |  |
| Repairs,                         | 250 00     |  |
| Tuition,                         | 180 00     |  |
| Received from State School Fund, | 526 34     |  |
| Collins School Fund,             | 636 63     |  |
| Supt. of Schools Fund,           | 224 16     |  |



|                                     |            |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Received from City of Boston,       | 342 00     |            |
| State of Massachusetts,             | 135 50     |            |
| Refund of Dog Tax,                  | 162 62     |            |
| Town of Chesterfield tuition,       | 31 20      |            |
|                                     | <hr/>      |            |
|                                     | \$7,418 45 |            |
| Paid on orders of School Committee, |            | \$7,417 95 |
| Balance,                            |            | 50         |
|                                     |            | <hr/>      |
|                                     |            | \$7,418 45 |

## TOWN ASSETS.

|                                                                   |            |             |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Remainder in Treasury,                                            | \$9,759 87 |             |
| Due on taxes of 1902                                              | 1,588 60   |             |
| “ on State aid,                                                   | 664 00     |             |
| “ from City of Northampton,                                       | 34 00      |             |
| “ from State on Insp. of animals,                                 | 13 50      |             |
| “ from Town of Adams on Guyotte case,                             | 170 06     |             |
| “ County of Hampshire for allowance on Chesterfield road repairs, | 100 00     |             |
|                                                                   | <hr/>      |             |
|                                                                   |            | \$12,330 03 |

## TOWN LIABILITIES.

|                                   |             |             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Due Worcester North Savings Bank, | \$10,000 00 |             |
| “ R. F. Burke,                    | 125 00      |             |
|                                   | 2,205 03    |             |
| <b>BALANCE ABOVE LIABILITIES.</b> | <hr/>       |             |
|                                   |             | \$12,330 03 |

## INTEREST ACCOUNT.

|                                                             |          |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Paid Worcester North Inst. for Savings                      | \$304 17 |          |
| Haydenville Savings Bank,                                   | 19 30    |          |
| Williamsburg Cemetery Association interest on Baker legacy, | 10 50    |          |
|                                                             | <hr/>    |          |
|                                                             | \$333 97 |          |
| Received for interest on deposits,                          |          | \$ 82 65 |
| unpaid taxes,                                               |          | 10 35    |
| Balance,                                                    |          | 240 97   |
|                                                             |          | <hr/>    |
|                                                             |          | \$333 97 |
| Town appropriation,                                         | \$200 00 |          |

## DOGS.

Whole number Licensed, 108.

|                               |      |          |          |
|-------------------------------|------|----------|----------|
| Whole number of males, @ \$2, | 106, | \$212 00 |          |
| females @ 5,                  | 2,   | 10 00    |          |
|                               |      | <hr/>    | \$222 00 |
| Clerk's fees,                 |      |          | 21 60    |
|                               |      |          | <hr/>    |
| Paid County Treasurer,        |      |          | \$200 40 |

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY W. HILL, *Treasurer.*

# Town Officers' Report,

For the Year Ending Feb. 1, 1903.

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## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

*To the citizens of Williamsburg:*

Your Selectmen, Treasurers, School and other Committees hereby present the report of their doings, for the year ending February 1, 1903.

The last annual report showed our town to have over \$2200 of assets above all liabilities. Our this year's report shows a like condition of over \$2200 of assets in cash, taxes and other amounts due us above all liabilities.

Our highway expenses have been unusually heavy this year, owing to extra expense on labor expended on the Chesterfield road to the amount of \$684.97, said work being done under order of the County Commissioners, for which they allow \$100 reimbursement to the town. We have also been to extra expense this year on repairs of the highway on Main street in Williamsburg village to the amount of \$351.23. We felt that this was work that needed much to be done, and we trust it will meet with the approval of the citizens when the same is completed. We have also expended for painting the eleven iron bridges in town \$136.02. We have in round numbers forty-three miles of highways in town (beside State highway) to keep in repair; also nineteen bridges.

At our last annual meeting it was suggested that the amounts expended by the different surveyors should be given separately. This we have done, as shown by the report giving the distances of each surveyor's section, with the amount expended by each surveyor. Attention is called to the fact that of amount expended by Frank W. Wells \$49.61 was for repairs on sidewalk to Williamsburg Cemetery, on Village Hill.

The unusual heavy expense on the Chesterfield road was in consequence of several large sluices put in by direction of the County Commissioners.

The road is now acknowledged to be in better shape than it has been before for thirty years, and is acceptable to the petitioners for the special repairs that have been made.

We have good reason for expecting that the State highway will be completed to Williamsburg village the coming season.

The following is a list of the appropriations for the year 1902, with the itemized expenditures under each.

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#### ITEMS OF APPROPRIATIONS.

|                                   |            |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Schools,                          | \$4,200 00 |
| Contingent,                       | 800 00     |
| Poor,                             | 1,800 00   |
| Highways,                         | 1,400 00   |
| School Superintendent,            | 380 00     |
| Text books,                       | 350 00     |
| General repairs on school houses, | 250 00     |
| Tuition,                          | 180 00     |
| Soldiers' relief,                 | 150 00     |
| Street lights,                    | 450 00     |
| Fire department,                  | 250 00     |
| Memorial day,                     | 50 00      |
| Interest,                         | 200 00     |

|                       |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| Special police,       | \$ 100 00        |
| Public library,       | 100 00           |
| Mack bridge,          | 200 00           |
| Repairs on town hall, | 175 00           |
|                       | —————\$11,035 00 |

## HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE EXPENSES.

## HIGHWAY SURVEYORS.

|                   |                     |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Rob Bradley,      | Joseph S. Graves,   |
| John O'Neil,      | John Ice,           |
| Frank W. Wells,   | George A. Thresher, |
| Fred A. Shumway,  | E. P. Hemenway,     |
| Fred L. Guilford, | H. H. Nichols,      |
| Willard Williams, | Myron N. Adams.     |

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|                   |                 |          |
|-------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Robert Bradley,   | team and labor, | \$136 35 |
| Myron Adams       | “ “             | 42 70    |
| H. H. Nichols,    | “ “             | 66 57    |
| F. L. Guilford,   | “ “             | 303 60   |
| H. H. Cranson,    | “ “             | 18 55    |
| E. P. Hemenway,   | “ “             | 61 95    |
| F. W. Wells,      | “ “             | 90 68    |
| Mari Wells,       | “ “             | 96 89    |
| C. R. Damon,      | “ “             | 22 75    |
| Fred A. Shumway,  | “ “             | 91 08    |
| A. L. Towne,      | “ “             | 10 50    |
| Byron Loomis,     | “ “             | 38 45    |
| F. A. Brooks,     | “ “             | 7 00     |
| G. M. Bradford,   | “ “             | 10 50    |
| C. B. Tower,      | “ “             | 8 00     |
| Geo. A. Thresher, | “ “             | 93 55    |
| E. Cyrus Miller,  | “ “             | 29 75    |
| Willard Williams, | “ “             | 31 90    |

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|                      |        |         |
|----------------------|--------|---------|
| Orange Hill,         | labor, | \$ 6 00 |
| John Grace,          | "      | 3 00    |
| Charles Heath,       | "      | 5 25    |
| Julius Vachelli,     | "      | 16 50   |
| Horace Rice,         | "      | 4 50    |
| D. O. Wait,          | "      | 7 50    |
| H. D. Wait,          | "      | 9 00    |
| Warren Cass,         | "      | 15 75   |
| John Cass,           | "      | 21 00   |
| M. L. Sornborger,    | "      | 21 25   |
| Joseph Rock,         | "      | 6 00    |
| John Fisher,         | "      | 19 50   |
| Lewis H. Cranson,    | "      | 22 05   |
| George Harris,       | "      | 4 50    |
| William Harris,      | "      | 9 75    |
| William O'Brien,     | "      | 57 32   |
| John Geeser,         | "      | 18 60   |
| Felix Prince,        | "      | 3 00    |
| William Prince,      | "      | 4 50    |
| Walter D. Cowing,    | "      | 3 00    |
| Frank Cowing,        | "      | 22 25   |
| A. E. Emrick,        | "      | 1 56    |
| Joseph St. Lawrence, | "      | 12 00   |
| Thomas Foran,        | "      | 4 95    |
| John O'Neil,         | "      | 5 00    |

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## PAINTING BRIDGES.

|                              |         |
|------------------------------|---------|
| Garfield Oil Co., for paint, | \$25 63 |
| James M. Pierce,             | " 18 50 |
| J. Russell & Co.,            | " 3 80  |
| A. G. Cone,                  | " 5 00  |
| Brooks Express,              | 80      |
| E. M. Brady, team and labor, | 5 25    |
| L. J. Morrissey, labor,      | 77 04   |

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## REPAIRS ON MAIN STREET, WILLIAMSBURG.

|                                                   |          |          |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| F. A. Brooks, for 734 yards gravel,<br>delivered, | \$237 96 |          |
| H. N. Brewster, for tile, catch basin, etc.,      | 56 20    |          |
| G. M. Bradford, teaming,                          | 3 00     |          |
| Daniel Wade, labor,                               | 4 50     |          |
| F. W. Wells, "                                    | 10 08    |          |
| Howard Wells, "                                   | 75       |          |
| Geo. Brazell, "                                   | 8 75     |          |
| Dennis Brazell, "                                 | 4 00     |          |
| Wm. O'Brien, "                                    | 12 00    |          |
| Charles Jones, "                                  | 2 09     |          |
| E. C. and E. E. Davis, engineering,               | 5 90     |          |
| J. J. Handfield, for iron,                        | 6 00     |          |
|                                                   | <hr/>    | \$351 23 |

## HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE EXPENSES.

|                       |       |
|-----------------------|-------|
| J. C. Babineau, labor | 97 91 |
| H. W. Graves, "       | 5 00  |
| S. A. Clark, "        | 1 50  |
| Joseph Brown, "       | 1 72  |
| George Loomis, "      | 6 67  |
| Ernest Rhoad, "       | 3 75  |
| N. H. Damon, "        | 7 50  |
| C. S. Damon, "        | 2 50  |
| Graves Brothers, "    | 2 60  |
| John Kinney, "        | 14 67 |
| D. E. Clary, "        | 2 50  |
| Ellsworth Leonard, "  | 15 42 |
| C. A. L. Patch, "     | 22 91 |
| L. C. Graves, "       | 4 00  |
| Joseph S. Graves, "   | 20 25 |
| Thomas Stone, "       | 3 00  |
| Henry S. Kempkis, "   | 7 98  |
| James H. Loud, "      | 5 68  |
| John Wade, "          | 6 75  |
| F. Meredith, "        | 2 10  |

|                   |   |       |
|-------------------|---|-------|
| Thomas Culver,    | " | 8 75  |
| William Zaskey,   | " | 1 95  |
| Edward Black,     | " | 97 41 |
| John Black,       | " | 20 83 |
| Adelbert L. Wait, | " | 11 25 |
| Herbert Cheeney,  | " | 3 75  |
| William Crow,     | " | 4 50  |
| John Ice,         | " | 28 40 |
| C. H. Church,     | " | 3 50  |
| P. J. Kelley,     | " | 5 75  |
| L. Dolan,         | " | 1 38  |
| Thomas Dolan,     | " | 1 00  |
| John Dumbsky,     | " | 7 50  |
| Francis Culver,   | " | 19 50 |
| A. P. Miller,     | " | 4 50  |
| Sherwood Miller,  | " | 6 75  |
| F. C. Miller,     | " | 4 00  |
| John Welch,       | " | 24 50 |
| James Welch,      | " | 42 67 |
| A. E. Everett,    | " | 10 00 |
| Ernest Kinney,    | " | 84    |
| Thomas J. Ryan,   | " | 8 34  |
| H. W. Warner,     | " | 3 00  |
| Wm. H. Warner,    | " | 7 00  |
| J. C. Mellen,     | " | 4 50  |
| A. E. Lawton,     | " | 24 70 |
| George Brazell,   | " | 18 90 |
| Frank Loomer,     | " | 23 63 |
| C. A. Nichols,    | " | 2 25  |
| J. P. Davenport,  | " | 11 25 |

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#### SUNDRY BILLS.

|                     |                |         |
|---------------------|----------------|---------|
| F. W. Thayer,       | nails, etc.,   | \$ 4 48 |
| E. T. Barrus & Co., | "              | 14 36   |
| Metcalf & Sheehan,  | "              | 76      |
| C. F. Norton,       | Blacksmithing, | 2 80    |
| J. J. Handfield,    | "              | 8 03    |



|                                    |       |            |
|------------------------------------|-------|------------|
| J. H. O'Brien,                     | 50    |            |
| H. N. Brewster & Co., tile,        | 6     | 58         |
| J. A. Sullivan, merchandise,       | 2     | 55         |
| Foster Bros.,            "         | 15    | 25         |
| G. M. Bradford, Lumber,            | 4     | 45         |
| F. A. Shumway, posts and railing,  | 12    | 90         |
| J. Walter Nash, posts and railing, | 3     | 50         |
| A. Tanner,           Gravel,       | 4     | 85         |
| Thomas Culver,       "             | 4     | 60         |
| E. M. Imswiller,     "             |       | 70         |
| L. Dolan,             "            |       | 25         |
| F. A. Brooks,         "            | 4     | 20         |
| H. G. Hill,            "           | 15    | 15         |
|                                    | <hr/> | \$105 91   |
| George A. Thresher, Bridge Plank,  | \$238 | 88         |
| Repairs on State Highway,          | 80    | 48         |
| Total,                             | <hr/> | \$3,023 43 |

## AVAILABLE FOR HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE EXPENSES

|                                       |         |            |
|---------------------------------------|---------|------------|
| Appropriation,                        | \$1,400 | 00         |
| Balance Street Railway Tax on hand,   | 660     | 52         |
| Street Railway Corporation Tax, 1902, | 841     | 67         |
| "      "      Excise Tax, 1902,       | 363     | 26         |
| "      "      Painting Bridges,       | 16      | 00         |
| G. M. Bradford, on ac. of State Road, | 50      | 00         |
|                                       | <hr/>   | \$3,340 45 |
| Appropriation recommended for 1903,   |         | 1,400 00   |

## HIGHWAY EXPENSES BY DISTRICTS.

|                                                                                   |       |    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----|
| Robert Bradley, Mountain Street and<br>Haydenville, distance $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles | \$334 | 95 |
| Joseph S. Graves,       "      2      "                                           | 43    | 75 |
| John O'Neil,            " $\frac{1}{2}$ "                                         | 5     | 00 |
| John Ice,                " $4\frac{1}{4}$ "                                       | 86    | 45 |
| Myron Adams,           "      2      "                                            | 17    | 70 |
| Frank W. Wells,        " $2\frac{1}{2}$ "                                         | 317   | 12 |
| H. H. Nichols,         " $2\frac{1}{2}$ "                                         | 94    | 96 |
| E. P. Hemenway,        "      4      "                                            | 71    | 63 |

|                                  |        |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| F. A. Shumway, distance 5½ miles | 211 83 |
| Geo. A. Thresher, " 4 "          | 110 30 |
| Willard Williams, " 3 "          | 132 25 |
| F. L. Guilford, " 6 "            | 684 97 |

## EXPENDITURES UNDER CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

|                                                                              |         |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Paid J. W. Hill, Auditor,                                                    | \$ 2 50 |
| Byron Loomis, "                                                              | 2 50    |
| H. E. Bradford, Registrar,                                                   | 5 00    |
| C. A. Phillips, "                                                            | 5 00    |
| Emil H. Miller, "                                                            | 7 50    |
| H. W. Hill, "                                                                | 7 00    |
| W. S. Smith, Ballot Clerk,                                                   | 5 00    |
| J. W. Hill, "                                                                | 5 00    |
| J. J. Morrissey, "                                                           | 5 00    |
| J. H. O'Brien, "                                                             | 5 00    |
| C. T. Bagnall, blanks,                                                       | 8 00    |
| H. C. Smith, expenses to Adams<br>on Guyotte case,                           | 4 60    |
| Sanford, Putnam & Co., blank books,                                          | 2 80    |
| H. W. Warner, damage to wagon,                                               | 5 90    |
| H. G. Hill, street car committee,                                            | 20 00   |
| H. C. Smith, " " "                                                           | 10 00   |
| H. C. Smith, expense taking<br>William Fairfield to Mass.<br>Gen'l Hospital, | 13 00   |
| Williamsburg F. D. George<br>Buck's house, 26 men,                           | 5 20    |
| Williamsburg F. D., E. F. Mil-<br>ler's barn, 21 men,                        | 12 60   |
| Williamsburg F. D., H. G. Hill's<br>house, 30 men,                           | 12 00   |
| Haydenville F. D., Daniel Shee-<br>han's barn, 46 men,                       | 18 40   |
| Haydenville F. D., E. F. Miller's<br>barn, 49 men,                           | 19 60   |

|                                         |        |
|-----------------------------------------|--------|
| Haydenville F. D., watching fire,       |        |
| 19 men,                                 | 15 70  |
| F. A. Brooks, team to Miller's fire,    | 5 00   |
| H. G. Hill, " " "                       | 5 00   |
| G. L. Damon, damage to horse            |        |
| and carriage,                           | 65 00  |
| F. L. Taylor, damage to horse,          | 51 00  |
| Dewey Williams, care of hall, etc.,     | 45 45  |
| C. A. Pierce & Co., printing reports,   | 39 56  |
| Gazette Printing Co., printing ballots, | 10 00  |
| George O'Brien, labor,                  | 1 25   |
| W. M. Purrington, insurance,            | 149 74 |
| Emil H. Miller, land damage,            | 75 00  |
| A. E. Lawton, " "                       | 10 00  |
| W. M. Cochran & Co., collector's        |        |
| bond,                                   | 12 00  |
| Geo. H. Ames, stove,                    | 7 50   |
| R. F. Burke, salary,                    | 125 00 |
| H. H. Nichols, cattle inspector,        | 27 00  |
| G. M. Bradford, wood for hall,          | 3 00   |
| Lewis Miller, coal for hall,            | 3 50   |
| Mary L. Carter, oil for hall,           | 3 75   |
| H. C. Pomeroy, tree warden,             | 40 00  |
| M. H. Beals, elector,                   | 10 00  |
| F. W. Wells, care of hearse,            | 15 00  |
| H. A. Bisbee, constable,                | 22 30  |
| Postage, expressage, etc.,              | 34 23  |
| Daniel Sheridan, labor on Strong        |        |
| house,                                  | 6 00   |
| Court expenses in Guyotte case,         | 35 14  |
| H. W. Hill, recording vital sta-        |        |
| tistics,                                | 23 85  |
| W. M. Purrington, services as           |        |
| school committee,                       | 75 00  |
| Rev. John Pierpont, services as         |        |
| school committee,                       | 75 00  |

|                                                        |                 |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| F. T. Dunleavy, services as school committee,          | 55 00           |
| H. W. Hill, Town Clerk and Treasurer,                  | 100 00          |
| H. C. Smith, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, | 125 00          |
| Lawrence Molloy, same,                                 | 100 00          |
| Henry S. Leonard, “                                    | 100 00          |
| R. F. Burke, sundry abatements, 1901 tax,              | 50 00           |
|                                                        | ———— \$1,702 57 |

## AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

|                                       |                 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Appropriation,                        | \$800 00        |
| National Bank Tax,                    | 624 76          |
| State Corporation Tax,                | 151 59          |
| Rent of Town Hall,                    | 64 50           |
| From State, for inspection of cattle, | 13 50           |
| Sundry License Fees,                  | 10 00           |
| Due on Guyotte case,                  | 35 14           |
| Rent of Strong house,                 | 48 00           |
|                                       | ———— \$1,747 49 |

## APPROPRIATION RECOMMENDED FOR 1903.

\$800 and Bank and State Corporation Taxes.

## PAUPER ACCOUNT.

Number of persons aided for the year ending Feb. 1, 1903, 49—12 men, 17 women, 10 boys and 10 girls under 14 years of age. Now being aided, 7 men, 8 women, 2 girls.

## EXPENDITURES.

|                                 |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| For Mrs. Henry C. Thayer,       | \$130 44 |
| Mrs. William Keating, deceased, | 47 75    |

|                                   |     |    |                  |
|-----------------------------------|-----|----|------------------|
| Mrs. Margaret Moakler, deceased,  | 84  | 34 |                  |
| Miss Ellen O'Brien,               | 91  | 31 |                  |
| Miss Salome Warner,               | 132 | 44 |                  |
| Mrs. Ellen Williams, hospital,    | 169 | 46 |                  |
| Miss Cora Tucker,        "        | 169 | 47 |                  |
| Mrs. Johanna Smith, Northampton,  | 42  | 00 |                  |
| Michael Fahey & family       "    | 34  | 00 | discharged       |
| Mrs. C. Truheart, Northboro,      | 46  | 00 | discharged       |
| Mrs. Clara F. Westfield,          | 21  | 00 | discharged       |
| Mrs. Eviline Trombley and family, | 79  | 50 |                  |
| Mrs. Jane Cowing,                 | 56  | 44 | discharged       |
| Mrs. F. Montgomery and family,    | 12  | 00 | discharged       |
| James O'Brien and family,         | 19  | 79 | discharged       |
| Thomas Dehey        "             | 120 | 00 |                  |
| Miss Johanna Keating,             | 48  | 00 |                  |
| Edmund Fowler,                    | 140 | 42 |                  |
| James H. Wright,                  | 124 | 67 |                  |
| James H. Nichols,                 | 134 | 94 |                  |
| P. Lampreaux, discharged,         | 37  | 00 |                  |
| William Navin,                    | 50  | 00 |                  |
| William Fairfield, deceased,      | 33  | 02 |                  |
| Samuel Kingman,                   | 7   | 00 |                  |
| Thomas Wait,                      | 3   | 58 |                  |
| Leon Poskosky, State,             | 3   | 54 |                  |
| Carl Weston,        "             | 30  | 29 |                  |
|                                   |     |    | <hr/> \$1,868 40 |

## AVAILABLE FOR PAUPER ACCOUNT.

|                                     |         |    |                  |
|-------------------------------------|---------|----|------------------|
| Appropriation,                      | \$1,800 | 00 |                  |
| Due from Northampton,               | 76      | 00 |                  |
| Due from Northboro,                 | 46      | 00 |                  |
|                                     |         |    | <hr/> \$1,922 00 |
| Appropriation recommended for 1903, |         |    | 1,800 00         |

## SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

|                      |    |     |    |                |
|----------------------|----|-----|----|----------------|
| Myron Ames,          | \$ | 90  | 00 |                |
| Mrs. Margaret McGee, |    | 134 | 95 |                |
| Mrs. Emily L. Hill,  |    | 58  | 60 |                |
|                      |    |     |    | <hr/> \$283 54 |

## AMOUNT AVAILABLE.

|                                     |          |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Appropriation,                      | \$150 00 |          |
| Received from Mrs. McGee,           | 96 00    |          |
| "      " Mrs. Hill,                 | 48 00    |          |
|                                     | <hr/>    | \$294 00 |
| Appropriation recommended for 1903, |          | 200 00   |

## STREET LIGHTS.

Williamsburg Village      H. E. Wright, Committee

|                                      |        |          |
|--------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| For lighting 50 lamps, 135 nights,   | 146 25 |          |
| 365 gallons of oil,                  | 45 28  |          |
| Chimneys, lamps, glass, wicks, etc., | 26 83  |          |
|                                      | <hr/>  | \$218 36 |

|                |          |
|----------------|----------|
| Appropriation, | \$225 00 |
|----------------|----------|

Haydenville Village      P. J. O'Brien, Committee

|                                      |          |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| For lighting 46 lamps, 140 nights,   | \$140 00 |          |
| 310 gallons of oil,                  | 37 30    |          |
| Chimneys, lamps, glass, wicks, etc., | 38 58    |          |
|                                      | <hr/>    | \$215 88 |
| Appropriation,                       | \$225 00 |          |

## SPECIAL POLICE.

|                       |         |         |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|
| Paid P. J. O'Brien,   | \$40 00 |         |
| H. A. Bisbee,         | 25 00   |         |
|                       | <hr/>   | \$65 00 |
| Appropriation, \$100. |         |         |

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

|                                 |          |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Paid D. T. Clark for sundries,  | \$ 19 09 |          |
| J. W. Nash for wood,            | 6 00     |          |
| Williamsburg Fire Co. 40 men,   | 80 00    |          |
| Haydenville      "      50    " | 100 00   |          |
|                                 | <hr/>    | \$205 09 |
| Appropriation,                  | \$250 00 |          |

## MEMORIAL DAY.

|                                |         |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| Paid for speaker, music, etc., | \$50 00 |
| Appropriation,                 | 50 00   |

## PUBLIC LIBRARY—HAYDENVILLE.

|                |          |
|----------------|----------|
| Paid trustees, | \$100 00 |
| Appropriation, | \$100 00 |

## MACK BRIDGE.

|                  |          |
|------------------|----------|
| Paid F. Walpole, | \$200 00 |
| Appropriation,   | \$200 00 |

## SPECIAL TOWN HALL REPAIRS.

|                          |          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|
| Paid Merrick Lumber Co., | \$119 08 |          |
| G. M. Bradford,          | 2 25     |          |
| H. N. Brewster & Co.,    | 3 15     |          |
| C. L. Hyde, labor,       | 13 50    |          |
| F. E. White, cartage,    | 3 25     |          |
| C. H. Church, labor      | 14 95    |          |
| J. J. Ball, labor,       | 10 00    |          |
| H. A. Bisbee, labor,     | 20 45    |          |
|                          | <hr/>    | \$186 63 |
| Appropriation,           |          | 175 00   |



# Report of Library Trustees

For Year Ending Feb. 1, 1903.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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|                                 |                 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Balance on hand from last year, | \$ 2 78         |
| Town appropriation,             | 100 00          |
| Total,                          | <u>\$102 78</u> |

## EXPENDED.

|                                                                                |             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| W. M. Purrington, insurance,                                                   | \$10 20     |
| C. A. Phillips, librarian's salary,                                            | 20 00       |
| C. S. Damon, load of sand,                                                     | 25          |
| F. W. Warner, labor on fireplace,                                              | 1 00.       |
| L. E. Warner, fitting library for electric lighting,                           | 20 00       |
| S. E. Bridgman & Co., for books,                                               | 38 98       |
| G. M. Bradford, load of wood,                                                  | 2 25        |
| Book on Volcanoes,                                                             | 1 50        |
| Sundry expenses, cleaning library, expressage, postage, car fare, boxes, etc., | 4 49        |
| Balance on hand,                                                               | <u>4 11</u> |
| Total,                                                                         | \$102 78    |



As there has been no general report made of the condition of the library and the work it is doing since the town accepted it as a gift from the citizens of Haydenville, we, the trustees, would submit the following report for the consideration of the voters of the town :

### BOOKS BELONGING TO LIBRARY.

|                     |                 |       |
|---------------------|-----------------|-------|
| Fiction,            | No. of volumes, | 1,009 |
| History,            | "               | 100   |
| Natural History,    | "               | 20    |
| Biography,          | "               | 60    |
| Literature,         | "               | 45    |
| Travel and Voyages, | "               | 47    |
| War,                | "               | 20    |
| Social Sciences,    | "               | 21    |
| Poems,              | "               | 16    |
| Scientific,         | "               | 22    |
| Miscellaneous,      | "               | 72    |
| Total,              |                 | 1432  |

Of the above number, 47 were added the past year.

|                                      |     |
|--------------------------------------|-----|
| Bound volumes of Government Reports, | 100 |
| Pamphlets,                           | 60  |

Through the kindness of the Hon. T. P. Larkin, we received over 20 volumes of bound reports and a number of pamphlets, a number of them being valuable documents.

To give the voters an idea of the use the people of Haydenville make of this library, we give a short report of the librarians:

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Average number of books drawn weekly, | 100   |
| Number of books drawn during year,    | 5,200 |
| Number of books lost during year,     | 3     |

There is hardly a family in the village of Haydenville that do not draw books either regularly or a part of the year, and the school children especially make an extensive use of these books at their disposal, both for assistance in their studies and for recreation.

Your trustees have devoted considerable time during the past year to the work of the library and gaining the above facts, as we feel that even this small library is an important factor for the well being of our village, and would suggest that a somewhat larger appropriation could be used to good advantage.

|                 |             |
|-----------------|-------------|
| J. E. BENNETT,  | } Trustees. |
| T. J. COOGAN,   |             |
| A. R. THATCHER, |             |

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#### REVISED LIST OF JURORS, 1903.

|                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Orrin J. Blinn,    | H. H. Nichols,     |
| Philip Moran,      | Joseph S. Graves,  |
| F. A. Brooks,      | D. B. Bradford,    |
| James Mullaley,    | Frank Walpole,     |
| James D. Murphy,   | Charles L. Hyde,   |
| Joseph Brown, Jr., | Clinton L. Eddy,   |
| Geo. H. Warner,    | Patrick J. Kelley, |
| Walter H. Leonard, | William H. Warner, |
| Michael Cusick,    | Edward L. Sheehan, |
| Alvin Lawrence,    | Theron L. Barrus,  |
| Don J. Dean,       | C. W. Bradley,     |
| Michael E. Riley,  | John O'Neil,       |
| John W. Hill,      | Arthur D. Damon,   |
| Freebun E. White,  | Edwin F. Miller,   |

R. F. Burke.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. SMITH,  
L. MOLLOY,  
H. S. LEONARD,

*Selectmen of Williamsburg.*

The Committee of the Whiting Street Fund respectfully submit their report for the year ending Feb. 1, 1903.

Cash received from Town Treasurer, \$210, which has been distributed as follows :

|                   |        |
|-------------------|--------|
| Sylvanus Hubbard, | \$5 00 |
| J. Clark Mellon,  | 5 00   |
| Mrs. Jane Cowing, | 5 00   |
| Maurice Connell,  | 5 00   |
| J. Ellsworth,     | 5 00   |
| M. Fenton,        | 5 00   |
| F. Toran,         | 5 00   |
| C. Harlow,        | 5 00   |
| William Mahar,    | 5 00   |
| Mary O'Neil,      | 5 00   |
| Frank Sharp,      | 5 00   |
| M. Macomber,      | 5 00   |
| Peter Shea,       | 5 00   |
| Margaret Larkin,  | 5 00   |
| Thomas Walpole,   | 5 00   |
| N. Lampneau,      | 5 00   |
| John Young,       | 5 00   |
| Alice Phillips,   | 5 00   |
| John O'Brien,     | 5 00   |
| Patrick Moakler,  | 5 00   |
| Mary Demorest,    | 5 00   |
| F. Montgomery,    | 5 00   |
| —— Dupline,       | 5 00   |
| Lewis Guilford,   | 5 00   |
| John McGowan,     | 5 00   |
| Mary Sessions,    | 5 00   |
| Charlotte Damon,  | 5 00   |
| C. Bogart,        | 5 00   |
| C. Trueheart,     | 5 00   |
| Charles Marks,    | 5 00   |
| Dorcas Chapman,   | 5 00   |
| Emily Ludden,     | 5 00   |

|                        |      |
|------------------------|------|
| Mrs. E. W. Richardson, | 5 00 |
| Richard Farnsworth,    | 5 00 |
| Edwin Everett,         | 5 00 |
| Champion Brown,        | 5 00 |
| Jennie Forsyth,        | 5 00 |
| Jennie Warner,         | 5 00 |
| Miss Addie Alvord,     | 5 00 |
| Hattie Johnson,        | 5 00 |
| Minnie Leonard,        | 5 00 |
| Ellen O'Brien,         | 5 00 |

MRS. T. L. BARRUS,  
 GEORGE WARNER,  
 THOS. F. DUMPHY,  
*Almoners Whiting Street Fund.*

### VITAL STATISTICS.

|                               |    |
|-------------------------------|----|
| Number of deaths recorded,    | 35 |
| Number of births recorded,    | 36 |
| Number of Marriages recorded, | 19 |

HENRY W. HILL,  
 Town Clerk.

WILLIAMSBURG, MASS., Feb. 10, 1903.

We, the undersigned, certify that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer and School Committee, and find them correct and properly vouched for to the best of our knowledge and belief.

JOHN W. HILL,  
 BYRON LOOMIS,  
*Auditors.*

# Report of the Superintendent of Schools.

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*To the School Committee of Williamsburg:*

GENTLEMEN—The fourteenth annual report of the Superintendent of Schools is herewith presented for your consideration. Owing to changes made in the school calendar, the year now closing the last of March, it will not be possible to make this as full, in many particulars, as usual. At the close of the present term a supplemental statement will be made, giving the statistics usually included in this. An extended report at this time does not seem advisable, as the circumstances affecting the schools are practically the same as for some time past. The conditions necessary for securing the best work possible and the largest returns for the outlay of time and money were so ably set forth in the report of your late superintendent as to need no repetition. At the beginning of the September term it was found that the village schools were in good condition and doing quite satisfactory work. The teaching, discipline and interest shown gave evidence of able supervision and thoughtful care. They are now uniformly good and profitable to all concerned. The Williamsburg High School is worthy of special mention. The character of the teaching, the deportment and interest in it are such as to merit praise and insure good results. It must be evident to every one acquainted with this school that, not only has there been satisfactory progress in regular work but also that a highly pleasing moral atmosphere has been created which will have a most desirable and lasting effect on the lives of those now attending. When we consider that the town expends less per

pupil than any other town of equal valuation in the Commonwealth, it is a matter of surprise and gratification that such educational advantages can be given our children.

It is to be regretted that a like favorable report cannot be made of some of the out schools. They were found to be inferior in several respects, and for some reason, much behind in the work generally, the discipline poor and the pupils often unable to apply themselves to their lessons or to comprehend the subjects taught. Considerable improvement is now manifest, but the real remedy for these undesirable conditions is the employment of teachers equal in all respects to the best, with successful experience, special training, thorough knowledge of the branches taught and exceptional ability for governing such schools. Such instructors cost more, but the results are correspondingly more valuable. In justice to all concerned it should be said that the Mountain Street School is a notable exception. Had not the teacher there, also in Nash Street, been required to do a half more than any teacher could do well, the pupils would be well up to grade. The attempt to teach all branches of study from the primer to those in the second year of the High school can but result in injustice to the majority. Special attention has been paid to the subject of reading in all schools with good results. For some inexplicable reason the reading of pupils in some of the upper grades is often poor, consequently the ability to study understandingly is greatly lessened, it is also found in these same grades that many of the scholars are unable to apply themselves to their tasks diligently, steadily and with comprehension. Doubtless much of this is due to modern methods of teaching in the lower grades, the pupil from the very nature of the instruction being compelled to rely upon his teacher far too much for his good. It appears, also, that we undertake rather too much in these lower grades; better to teach less and more thoroughly. A special effort on the part of the teachers and superintendent is now being made to so plan the work as to give the child more independence in study and increased ability to apply himself unaided to work.



As there has been some misunderstanding of the requirements in the schools it may be well to state some of the rules adopted with your consent. It being self-evident that a knowledge of any subject to be profitable and usable must be complete and connected, the teachers have been instructed to insist upon the completion of work required before giving tests for promotion. All exercises and lessons omitted by reason of absence or for other cause must be made up to the satisfaction of the teacher before such tests can be given. It should be generally understood, also, that you have ruled to admit no pupils under five years of age to the schools, and that any such sent for the purpose of instruction or to be cared for by the teacher should be returned to their homes at once and parents duly notified of this ruling. Children will be admitted to the schools at the commencement of the fall term and at no other time unless they can enter a class already formed without interruption to regular work.

The attendance has been quite irregular in some schools largely because of the inclement weather and illness, but perhaps not more so than usual.

The teaching of music in the villages has been in charge of Miss Mary Kiley, whose report will be found appended. It seems evident that the system of musical instruction now employed is productive of better results than those formerly in use. When the condition of a few of the smaller schools has been improved, as it easily can be by the employment of proper means, the town will have an excellent school system fully justifying the liberality shown and the care bestowed.

Thanking you for your cordial support and assistance, and the citizens for their kind appreciation and co-operation, this report is respectfully submitted.

E. W. GOODHUE,

*Superintendent of Schools.*

## VOCAL MUSIC REPORT.

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*Mr. Goodhue, Supt. of Schools,*

Dear Sir :—Entering upon my duties as Supervisor of Music in the public schools of Williamsburg and Haydenville, only five months since, the result of the first term's work is just beginning to show itself.

Perhaps it would be well to give an outline of the method now used in your schools. There are two elements in music—time and tune, taught by imitation, dictation and representation. No books or charts used during the first three years ; the regular grade teacher must be prepared for the work, and by the supervisor. Time is taught by imitation, not by analysis, which method has prevailed for the past few years, and the individual sight singing, which teaches the children to be independent, as independence is the bedrock of the system.

The most important aim in the music teaching is to have the pupils able to read music at sight and alone. Why ? Because to do this it is necessary to understand all the principles in time and tune thoroughly. This result can be obtained only by constant drill. The concentration and self-control of the pupils, derived from the individual singing, manifests itself in all his recitations.

There is a great improvement, since the first of the year, in the way the individual work is done. There are about thirty children in a room, and it takes almost five minutes to hear them sing individually.

The pupils of the upper grades are showing more interest and I hope this will continue to increase.



The Williamsburg High School has done much better work since the new books have been received. It is my plan to take a few of the good singers from this school and form a glee club, having a rehearsal one afternoon a week possibly, after closing time. I trust the time is not far distant when we will have new books for the Haydenville High School. At present there are not books enough which makes the work unsatisfactory.

Before the end of the year, however, I hope to see great improvement in all the grades. In the Skinnerville school where music has never before been taught, the pupils are doing good work, considering the short time they have had the advantage of a special teacher.

In closing, I wish to extend my thanks and appreciation to the grade teachers for their co-operation with me in the work.

Respectfully,

MARY V. KILEY.

Northampton, February 13, 1903.

## Truant Officers' Report.

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*To the Honorable School Committee of the Town of Williamsburg:*

GENTLEMEN: I submit the following report for the year ending February 1, 1903.

|                               |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| Whole number truants,         | 14      |
| Sent to school                | 12      |
| Taken to school,              | 2       |
| Number families visited,      | 2       |
| Called to school by teachers, | 3 times |
| Whole number warned,          | 14      |
| Respectfully submitted,       |         |

HENRY A. BISBEE,  
*Truant Officer.*

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*To the Honorable School Committee:*

|                                       |    |
|---------------------------------------|----|
| Number scholars reported by teachers, | 19 |
| “ Parents visited,                    | 8  |
| “ Children taken to school,           | 11 |
| “ Children sent to school,            | 21 |

Respectfully,

JOHN E. MANSFIELD.

Haydenville, February 10, 1903.

# Treasurer's Report.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 5, 1903.

## RECEIPTS.

|                                       |          |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Balance of prior account,             | \$ 37 10 |          |
| Town appropriation for Schools,       | 4,200 00 |          |
| Superintendent,                       | 380 00   |          |
| Text Books,                           | 350 00   |          |
| Repairs,                              | 250 00   |          |
| Tuition,                              | 180 00   |          |
| Income of Collins Fund,               | 636 63   |          |
| State School Fund,                    | 526 34   |          |
| State Superintendency,                | 224 16   |          |
| Dog Tax,                              | 162 62   |          |
| Education of State Children,          | 135 00   |          |
| Education of Boston Children,         | 342 00   |          |
| Received for Tuition for High School, | 31 20    |          |
|                                       | <hr/>    | 7,455 05 |

## EXPENDITURES.

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Paid for Teachers,  | 4,861 14 |
| Janitors,           | 343 00   |
| Cleaning,           | 36 43    |
| Fuel,               | 350 67   |
| Labor and Repairs,  | 413 84   |
| Books and Supplies, | 393 89   |
| Transportation,     | 419 90   |
| Tuition,            | 90 00    |

|                 |        |            |
|-----------------|--------|------------|
| Superintendent, | 459 70 |            |
| Sundries,       | 73 88  |            |
| Balance,        | 12 60  |            |
|                 | <hr/>  | \$7,455 05 |

## TEACHERS.

|                    |                      |          |            |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------|------------|
| Williamsburg High, | A. O. Caswell,       | \$192 00 |            |
|                    | Florence Shepardson, | 450 00   |            |
|                    | James Connors,       | 532 00   |            |
| Grammar,           | Josephine Cahill,    | 324 00   |            |
| Primary,           | Grace Martyn,        | 288 00   |            |
| Haydenville High,  | John W. Kratzer,     | 250 00   |            |
| Grammar,           | Fannie Bennett,      | 263 00   |            |
|                    | Hattie L. Metcalf,   | 56 24    |            |
| Intermediate,      | Nellie G. Ryan,      | 208 00   |            |
| Primary,           | Louisa J. Dakin,     | 264 00   |            |
|                    | Nora Hickey,         | 104 00   |            |
|                    | Ethel Curry,         | 160 00   |            |
|                    | Lizzie Purrington,   | 360 00   |            |
| Skinnerville,      | Mary Butler,         | 192 00   |            |
| Mountain St.,      | Ida A. Andrews,      | 233 00   |            |
| Nash St.,          | Cora Howlett,        | 105 00   |            |
|                    | Ruth Porter,         | 36 00    |            |
|                    | Edith Damon,         | 192 00   |            |
| Searsville,        | Isabel P. Avery,     | 161 00   |            |
|                    | Edith Hosmer,        | 126 00   |            |
| North District,    | Margaret Riley,      | 66 00    |            |
|                    | Cornelia Ward,       | 128 00   |            |
| Substitute,        | Maud E. Strong,      | 4 40     |            |
| Music,             | Jessie P. Allen,     | 70 00    |            |
|                    | Mary V. Kiley,       | 96 50    |            |
|                    | <hr/>                |          | \$4,861 14 |

## JANITORS.

|                         |              |          |          |
|-------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|
| Williamsburg,           | Three Rooms, | \$117 20 |          |
| Haydenville,            | Six Rooms,   | 186 30   |          |
| Out Districts,          |              | 39 50    |          |
|                         | <hr/>        |          | \$343 00 |
| Cleaning School Houses, |              |          | 36 43    |

## FUEL.

|                        |         |          |
|------------------------|---------|----------|
| James Loud,            | \$ 5 50 |          |
| George Thresher,       | 8 56    |          |
| William H. Warner,     | 12 50   |          |
| J. S. Graves,          | 2 00    |          |
| C. B. Tower,           | 6 00    |          |
| John Ice,              | 7 00    |          |
| G. M. Bradford,        | 52 50   |          |
| John Phinney,          | 62 50   |          |
| F. A. Shumway,         | 6 75    |          |
| J. Walter Nash,        | 7 00    |          |
| W. M. Purrington Coke, | 148 48  |          |
| Horatio Bisbee,        | 5 25    |          |
| Ellen M. Nash,         | 1 00    |          |
| George Ledbetter,      | 8 00    |          |
| C. R. Damon,           | 17 63   |          |
|                        | <hr/>   | \$350 67 |

## LABOR AND REPAIRS.

|                    |         |
|--------------------|---------|
| Frank Holmes,      | \$30 90 |
| J. J. Ball,        | 2 25    |
| Nelson Damon,      | 14 33   |
| M. Dolan,          | 4 00    |
| H. A. Bisbee,      | 9 58    |
| John Pierpont,     | 40 63   |
| Chas. L. Hyde,     | 9 25    |
| L. A. Morrissey,   | 29 61   |
| Frank Dunleavy,    | 8 25    |
| Metcalf & Sheehan, | 26 00   |
| E. J. House,       | 24 75   |
| A. G. Cone,        | 1 75    |
| John Sheridan,     | 17 00   |
| J. Lucas,          | 18 44   |
| W. H. Riley,       | 6 38    |
| E. Warner,         | 80      |
| M. S. Harris,      | 107 00  |

|                     |       |          |
|---------------------|-------|----------|
| Graves Bros.,       | 75    |          |
| F. A. Brooks,       | 10 17 |          |
| Merrick Lumber Co., | 4 75  |          |
| A. E. Clapp,        | 13 94 |          |
| B. Loomis,          | 6 00  |          |
| R. F. Burke,        | 5 00  |          |
| W. H. Warner,       | 18 13 |          |
| Churchill & Rice,   | 4 18  |          |
|                     | <hr/> | \$413 84 |

## TRANSPORTATION.

|                                 |          |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------|
| George H. Ames,                 | \$ 16 00 |          |
| Northampton Street Railway Co., | 120 00   |          |
| Thomas Culver,                  | 84 00    |          |
| Robert Damon,                   | 129 90   |          |
| H. H. Cranson,                  | 27 00    |          |
| Byron Loomis,                   | 43 00    |          |
|                                 | <hr/>    | \$419 90 |

## BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

|                               |         |  |
|-------------------------------|---------|--|
| Oliver Ditson,                | \$ 3 12 |  |
| Hinds & Noble,                | 5 55    |  |
| Milwaukee Dustless Brush Co., | 10 50   |  |
| Cambridge Supply Co.,         | 3 50    |  |
| E. E. Baab & Co.,             | 171 87  |  |
| Benjamin H. Sanborn & Co.,    | 31 68   |  |
| American Book Co.,            | 34 52   |  |
| Ginn & Co.,                   | 10 36   |  |
| D. C. Heath & Co.,            | 10 63   |  |
| Thompson, Brown & Co.,        | 9 60    |  |
| Silver, Burdett & Co.,        | 36 44   |  |
| James Spear,                  | 4 00    |  |
| G. F. Garland,                | 3 80    |  |
| John Pierpont,                | 13 79   |  |
| A. G. Cone,                   | 4 90    |  |

|                            |       |          |
|----------------------------|-------|----------|
| Northampton Paper Box Co., | 8 00  |          |
| Milton Bradley Co.,        | 4 19  |          |
| Metcalf & Sheehan,         | 66    |          |
| E. T. Barrus & Co.,        | 10 72 |          |
| Allyn & Bacon,             | 8 87  |          |
| C. N. Fitts,               | 2 06  |          |
| The Morse Co.,             | 3 13  |          |
| Maynard, Merrill & Co.,    | 2 00  |          |
|                            | <hr/> | \$393 89 |

## SUPERINTENDENT.

|                 |          |          |
|-----------------|----------|----------|
| Louis A. Pratt, | \$172 20 |          |
| E. W. Goodhue,  | 287 50   |          |
|                 | <hr/>    | \$459 70 |

## TUITION.

|                          |         |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Northampton High School, | \$90 00 |
|--------------------------|---------|

## SUNDRIES.

|                                     |         |         |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| A. O. Caswell Piano fund,           | \$25 00 |         |
| Larkin Bros.,                       | 5 21    |         |
| E. T. Barrus & Co.,                 | 1 93    |         |
| H. W. Sampson,      Truant Officer, | 15 00   |         |
| L. A. Pratt,      Postage,          | 5 37    |         |
| F. A. Brooks,      Express,         | 2 50    |         |
| Ellen O'Brien,                      | 2 00    |         |
| Oscar Emerick,                      | 5 50    |         |
| John Pierpont,                      | 5 32    |         |
| W. M. Purrinton      Postage,       | 5 00    |         |
| A. O. Caswell,      Dry Cells,      | 1 05    |         |
|                                     | <hr/>   | \$73 88 |

W. M. PURRINTON,

*Treasurer for Committee.*

WILLIAMSBURG, Mass., Feb. 10, 1903.

We hereby certify that we have this day examined the accounts of the School Committee and find them correct as stated above to the best of our knowledge and belief.

BYRON LOOMIS,  
JOHN W. HILL,

*Auditors.*



# REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

For the Year Ending February 1st, 1903.

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*To the Citizens of Williamsburg:*

We herewith submit our annual report, and include with it the reports of the Superintendent, Music Teacher and Truant Officers.

The High Schools have been in session forty weeks during the year, as required by law, and the other schools thirty-six weeks.

Two scholars from the Town of Chesterfield have attended the High School, and tuition has been received for them.

The transportation of the children furnishes a large item in the expense of the schools, and the Committee have been trying the experiment of having some of the higher grades taught in the smaller schools, so that the children need not spend so much time on the road, and the money saved from transportation could be used in securing better teachers. In practice this plan has been found to be a failure. The smaller scholars fail to receive their share of instruction, while the larger ones lack the stimulus of being in a class of fair size. Where a school is closed, as South Street, the transportation of the children in that district becomes a necessity. The large class to go to Northampton High School will be likely to increase the amount needed for transportation. The following repairs and improvements are noted:

The North District and Purrington Primary School buildings have been painted, and the latter has received a durable roof of slate, putting it in first class condition.

This year new floors should be laid in the Center Intermediate and Haydenville Grammar rooms, and a new roof placed on the Nash Hill school house. Following out the plan of painting one school house each year, a plan in the interests of economy, the Maple Street Primary school house should be painted.

A conditional gift of land in the rear of the Center School having been received from Mrs. L. D. James, it is earnestly hoped that the town will comply with those conditions, that the children may have a much needed playground, and the appearance of the grounds in front of the Town Hall and School, which has long been disgraceful for a New England village, may be improved.

As we desire the same number of weeks schooling for this year that we had last, we recommend that the following sums be appropriated by the town:

|                 |            |
|-----------------|------------|
| For Schools,    | \$4,300 00 |
| Superintendent, | 375 00     |
| Text books,     | 450 00     |
| Repairs,        | 250 00     |
| Tuition,        | 360 00     |

JOHN PIERPONT,  
WILBUR M. PURRINGTON,  
FRANK T. DUNLEAVY,

*Committee.*

REPORTS OF  
WILLIAMSBURG  
TOWN OFFICERS

For the Year Ending

February 1, 1904

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